

Alumni House use increases during past year

Gallaudet's Alumni House, known to many as "Ole Jim," was a major hub of activity on Kendall Green last year, with more events reserved—and greater revenues generated—than any year before.

"I'm very pleased with last year's turnout at 'Ole Jim,'" said Mike Kaika, director of Alumni Programs, who recently prepared the facility's annual report for the 1989 calendar year.

Kaika said that the 420 reservations of "Ole Jim" last year represented a 25 percent increase over the previous year and more than double the number of events booked in 1986. He added that there were 15 wedding receptions last year and 117 multiple bookings (more than one event taking place on the same day).

"Ole Jim" earned almost \$21,000 from rentals last year—two times the revenue of 1988, three times more than 1987, and seven times the earnings of 1986.

And the outlook for the coming year looks promising, too. Kaika said that the Alumni House is booked for meetings and social engagements until July. Anyone interested in reserving the facility is advised to do so three to six months in advance.

The popularity of the Alumni House for faculty, staff, alumni, and even outside organizations has been on a steady rise every year, Kaika said. There are a number of reasons for "Ole Jim's" increasing popularity, he feels. First, the Gallaudet community likes to support the University by holding its seminars, workshops, dinners, receptions, and parties on the campus. Second, the

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Eloise Molock, international student adviser with Student Special Services, meets with Raymond Onyeukwu, an undergraduate student from Nigeria majoring in government.

International students at Gallaudet get help adjusting to new culture

Eloise Molock recalls the Moslem student who came to her office in Gallaudet's Department of Student Special Services distraught because his American roommates were reluctant to give him the privacy he needed to pray five times a day.

On another occasion, a faculty member asked for advice on how to bridge a cultural barrier with a deaf Asian student who, because it is considered rude and disrespectful in the student's country, would not look the instructor in the eye, making sign communication difficult.

Molock said there was another instance when a student came to see her because he was puzzled by American expressions: a friend told him "see you later," so he waited patiently, but the

friend never returned.

These are examples of the situations that Molock, international student adviser for Gallaudet's Department of Student Special Services, and Director John Raymer frequently encounter in their jobs helping students from other countries adjust to living in a culture that is often very strange and unsettling for them.

Gallaudet was first authorized in 1954 by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to accept foreign students. This semester there are 241 students from 45 countries enrolled at Gallaudet. Almost three-fourths of them are from Canada, but others are from such far-flung parts of the world as Sri Lanka, Qatar, Hungary, Angola, and Hong Kong.

"Our office provides direct services to all international students at Gallaudet," Molock said, from fielding inquiries from prospective students or their sponsors in other countries, to helping arrange for visas and work permits, to helping foreign students find their niche in a new culture.

Molock said that her primary job is helping prepare the lengthy paperwork necessary for these students to get their visas to enter the United States. She also serves as a liaison between students and their sponsors, giving sponsors information about grades, scholarships, and financial arrangements.

Although Molock has a master's degree in counseling, she usually refers students to other departments for questions about housing, admissions requirements, and personal problems.

Regarding the latter issue, Molock

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Campus observes DPN anniversary on March 1

Gallaudet will observe the second anniversary of the Deaf President Now movement on Thursday, March 1.

A panel discussion on "Communication in the Classroom" will be held in the Field House from 7 to 8 p.m., followed by a slide show and free refreshments in the Abbey from 8 p.m. until midnight.

The Gallaudet University Press will sell copies of Jack Gannon's book, *The Week the World Heard Gallaudet*, in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room from 8 to 11 p.m. Gannon will also be available for autographs. The book costs \$29.95 for hardcover and \$19.95 for paperback.

Also available for purchase will be framed posters of the book's cover jacket at \$39.95 each and copies of the "Deaf Mosaic" segment related to the 1988 DPN movement at \$19.95 each.

The event is being sponsored by the Student Body Government (SBG). For more information, call the SBG Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. at x5390 (TDD), or call the Alumni Office at x5060 (V) or x5061 (TDD).

Student development conference scheduled at Northwest Campus

The Second National Conference on Student Development and the Hearing Impaired will be held May 22 through 25 at Gallaudet's Northwest Campus.

The conference is designed for administrators, educators, counselors, and student life personnel who work with deaf and hard of hearing students of all ages in mainstream programs, residential schools, and university programs. Student leaders are also encouraged to attend.

During the conference, educators who work with deaf students will share their programs and investigate the student development model. Major topics to be discussed during the conference include student development theory and practice, use of student development as a vehicle for recruitment and retention, in-service training and staff development, and students as para-professionals.

The event is co-sponsored by Gallaudet University, the School of Preparatory Studies, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

Facilities are limited to 350 participants. For more information, call Beth Benedict, co-chairwoman of the conference, at x5247.



A Leadership Washington group holds a meeting and reception in the upper level of the Alumni House. More than 420 groups used "Ole Jim" last year.

'Ole Jim' popular gathering place for many groups

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fees are very reasonable for faculty, staff, and alumni—\$105 for a four-hour affair.

The third reason has to do with aesthetics. "It's the atmosphere of the building—a lot of people like it," said Kaika. "Somebody will come for a wedding reception or anniversary party and say, 'Wow! I like it' and then they'll ask about renting it."

Groups and individuals from the neighborhood are increasingly taken by the charm of the Tudor-style building. The cost of renting to them is much steeper—\$350 for four hours—but still very competitive compared with rental rates for other facilities. Organizations that are not affiliated with Gallaudet, but that are deafness-related, pay \$150 for four hours.

As impressive as the revenues from rentals of "Ole Jim" were last year, a considerable amount has to be reinvested annually in upkeep, such as the extensive renovations that were undertaken a few years ago, for example.

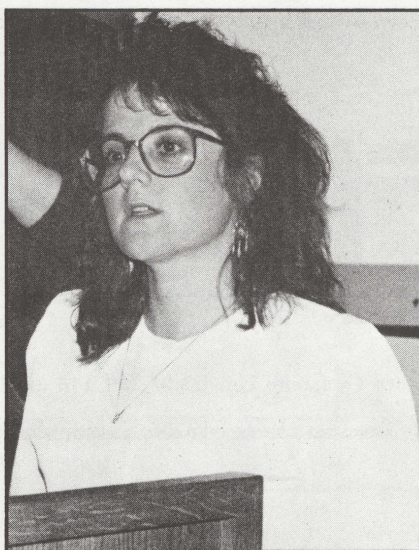
Last year, "we pulled in a lot of money, but we had a lot of expenses, too," Kaika said, such as new carpeting throughout the building, a new bar with brass railings, new bar stools, a refrigerator with a sliding glass door, and a portable dance floor with caddy. For this year, 200 new folding chairs and two portable folding platforms have already been purchased, and there are plans to repaint the second floor.

The improvements are definitely justified, Kaika said, as was evidenced at last year's 100th anniversary reunion of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association. "A lot of alumni hadn't been back to Gallaudet since their graduation and they were amazed at how beautiful 'Ole Jim' is—they felt right at home there," said Kaika.

Even with the expenses, Kaika said there are no plans to increase rental fees. "We want to keep the prices low, especially for faculty, staff, and alumni," said Kaika. "'Ole Jim' is their home, too."



Associate Professor Mary June Moseley (left) and aural rehabilitationist Mary Hughes, both of the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, lectured at a School of Communication forum Feb. 2 on the topic of "A Descriptive Pragmatic Inventory for Deaf Adolescents/Adults: Implications for Intervention."



SSS helps foreign students here

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said although international students attend a New Student Orientation program to orient them to American culture, and the department publishes a newsletter twice each semester with useful information for international students, it takes time for them—and for faculty and staff here—to adjust to each other's differences.

Other than Canadians, whose culture is very similar to that of the United States, the biggest obstacle most students face in adjusting to life here seems to be American food. "[Internat-

tional students'] digestive systems just aren't geared to the food that Americans serve," Molock explained. Time is also a concept that many of the international students don't understand. "Some students may have an appointment to meet me at 2 p.m., and they won't show up until 3 p.m., and they think it's OK," Molock said.

"It's important to be aware of cultural biases, because we all have them," said Molock. "It's up to individuals to work around problems. You have to build a trust. It takes time; there are no cut-and-dried answers."

Announcements

The Gallaudet Community Relations Council will host its Tenth Annual Benefit Basketball Game on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 5 p.m. in the Field House, with University faculty, staff, and students, and police officers from the Fourth and Fifth District police headquarters, versus WKYS Radio staff. Tickets are \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. Proceeds will benefit the MSSD Theatre Production Department's trip to Europe this spring. For tickets, contact La Varne Hines, x5263, Al Couthen, x5167, Leslie Proctor, x5644, Leah Cox, x5270, or Tim McCarty, x5019.

The Child Development Center Parents' Group will host a brown bag seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ely Art Exhibit Room. The guest speaker will be Dr. Matt Searls, who will discuss results from his doctoral research on parental deafness as a factor in the development of self-concept in deaf and hearing college students.

Two more events are being held to celebrate the School of Communication's 10th anniversary. On Wednesday, Feb. 21, "In Performance: Storytelling and Poetry" will feature a presentation and discussion by undergraduate students from Dr. Larry Coleman's communication arts class, assisted by friends of the campus community. This student forum presentation will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium. On Monday, Feb. 26, a Department of Sign Communication lecture will feature Kathy Jankowski,

an instructor in the Department of Communication Arts, who will discuss "Empowering Deaf People by Preserving Our Culture." The lecture will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Ely Auditorium.

Among Ourselves

Albert Couthen, Class of '66, assistant principal of Kendall Demonstration Elementary School and vice chairman of the Gallaudet Community Relations Council, received the Frederick C. Schreiber 1990 Leadership Award on Feb. 3 from the Metropolitan Washington Association of the Deaf (MWAD). This is the ninth year MWAD has presented this award to honor individuals who have demonstrated leadership and voluntary service to the deaf community.

Dr. Vicki Kemp, assistant professor of mathematics in the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Van Hiel's theory on learning geometry on Dec. 18, 1989, at George Mason University.

The Rev. Jay Croft, Gallaudet University's Episcopal/Anglican chaplain and vicar of St. Barnabas' Mission of the Deaf in Adelphi, Md., is one of a 20-member committee that will nominate a new bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

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